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September Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on September 1 was estimated at 1.1 million head, up 70,000 head from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. Breeding hog inventory, at 110,000 head, was unchanged from last September. Market hog inventory, at 990,000 head, was up 7.6 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the June to August quarter at 11.0 was up 0.9 pigs from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2015 was 68.4 million head. This was up 4 percent from September 1, 2014, and up 2 percent from June 1, 2015. This was the highest inventory of all hogs and pigs since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988. Breeding inventory, at 5.99 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.4 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter. This is the highest market hog inventory since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

The June-August 2015 United States pig crop, at 30.6 million head, was up 1 percent from 2014. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.94 million head, down 2 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.39 for the June-August period, compared to 10.16 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the September-November 2015 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, but up 5 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for December-February 2016, at 2.87 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2015, but up 4 percent from 2014.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, September 1, 2015

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			U.S.		
	2014	2015	Change	2014	2015	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	110	110	0	5,920	5,986	1
Market	920	990	8	60,059	62,410	4
Under 50 pounds	295	295	2	20,390	20,291	0
50-119 pounds	225	240	7	17,458	17,986	3
120-179 pounds	205	225	10	12,112	13,080	8
180+ pounds	200	230	15	10,098	11,053	9
Total	1,030	1,100	7	65,979	68,395	4
Sows farrowed, Jun-Aug	51	50	-2	2,991	2,944	-2
Pigs/litter, Jun-Aug	10.10	11.00	9	10.16	10.39	2
Pig crop, Jun-Aug	515	550	7	30,402	30,585	1
Sows farrowing, Sep-Nov ¹	53	50	-6	2,994	2,920	-2
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	52	48	-8	2,895	2,875	-1

¹ Intentions.

² February succeeding year